--- “Series of 1897” - 6 Cigars - 350 x 13 mm. ---

--- *recess printed* in BLACK ink - *coarse roulette* - with 4½ mm. red control numbers ---

--- with the 24 mm. [AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA **] imprint - scanned at 50% scale ---**

The catalogue lists the recess printed black six cigar “Series of 1897” strip as follows:

RG-388 - 6 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove - 4½ mm red controls

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★**RG-388** - 6 cigars, black, *coarse roulette,* control **021071-72**, *recess printed* on ***vertical*** mesh wove,
the design measures 343 x 13 mm. - a top pair from Plate No. 1

021071-72★	RG-388	6 cigars, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - top pair from Plate No. 1
118323★	RG-388	6 cigars, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove

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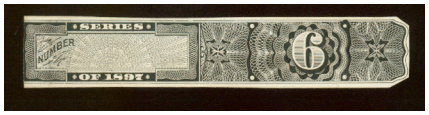
--- *recess printed* Die Proof [CANADA - F - 66] **- in BLACK ink - scanned at 60% scale ---**

Unfortunately, at some time in the past, these 1897 die proofs were trimmed as shown above by a person unknown.
The longer proofs were trimmed and then cut into two sections - as shown below.



★**RG-388 DP** - 6 cigars, the black die proof [CANADA - F - 66] on thick horizontal mesh wove paper,
the design measures 350 x 13 mm., without counting the imprint

--- the old buildings as viewed through an entranceway on Parliament Hill - scanned at 100% scale ---

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